

Nebraska Cattle Feeders' News

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Dear Cattle Feeders:

Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.

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Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	April 1 Number on Feed ¹			March Placements			March Marketings			March Other Disappearance ²		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	293	323	110	33	27	82	32	24	75	3	2	67
California	495	500	101	70	65	93	71	70	99	4	10	250
Colorado	970	1,020	105	150	175	117	190	185	97	10	10	100
Idaho	255	240	94	39	44	113	46	53	115	3	1	33
Iowa	415	455	110	69	55	80	56	64	114	3	1	33
Kansas	2,360	2,340	99	460	445	97	470	460	98	20	15	75
Nebraska	2,210	2,260	102	295	300	102	350	350	100	5	10	200
New Mexico	105	113	108	16	13	81	21	23	110	2	2	100
Oklahoma	330	325	98	74	61	82	77	73	95	2	3	150
South Dakota	205	205	100	33	31	94	36	34	94	2	2	100
Texas	2,640	2,620	99	490	480	98	530	540	102	10	10	100
Washington	185	159	86	35	22	63	34	47	138	1	1	100
Other States	300	310	103	46	42	91	54	50	93	2	2	100
U.S.	10,763	10,870	101	1,810	1,760	97	1,967	1,973	100	67	69	103

*Revised.

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

²Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

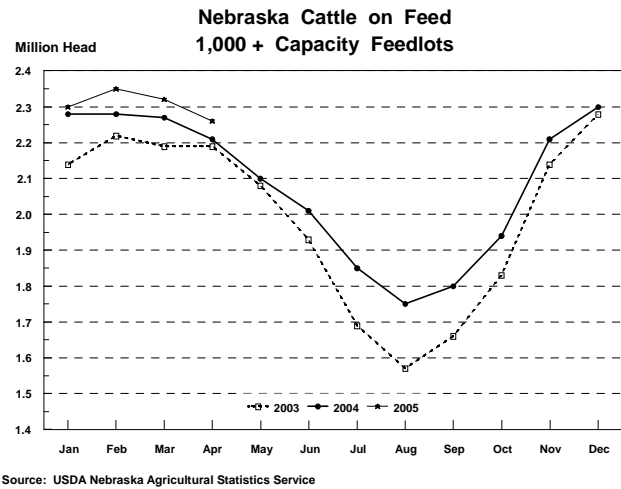
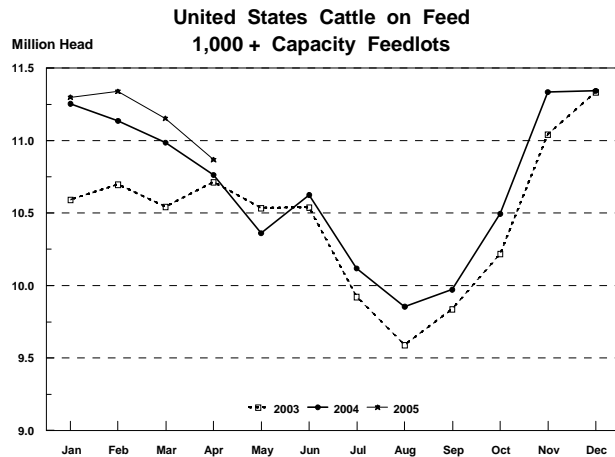
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 22, 2005

Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed By Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States, 2004-2005

State	During March									
	Under 600		600-699		700-799		800 Plus		Total	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head									
Colorado	15	15	30	35	60	70	45	55	150	175
Kansas	55	50	95	85	195	170	115	140	460	445
Nebraska	32	34	47	52	106	92	110	122	295	300
Texas	120	85	120	105	180	190	70	100	490	480
Other States	125	115	55	43	105	92	130	110	415	360
U.S.	347	299	347	320	646	614	470	527	1,810	1,760

*Revised.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed April 22, 2005



Federally Inspected Red Meat Production: United States¹

Class	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Mar 05 % of		Jan-Mar ²		
				Mar 2004	Feb 2005	2004	2005	05 as % of 04
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,076	1,740	2,012	97	116	5,744	5,636	98
Veal	13.6	11.7	12.9	95	110	43.4	37.6	87
Pork	1,785	1,616	1,788	100	111	5,085	5,095	100
Lamb & Mutton	21.5	14.6	18.8	87	128	50.4	47.1	94
Total Red Meat	3,895	3,382	3,831	98	113	10,923	10,816	99

*Revised.

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 22, 2005

Classification of Livestock Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection: United States

Item	Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Jan-Mar ¹		Mar 2004	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Jan-Mar ¹	
				2004	2005				2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>	<i>Percent of Total</i>
Class ²										
Cattle										
Steers	1,383	1,130	1,367	3,728	3,722	49.1	49.2	51.1	48.3	50.0
Heifers	950	751	871	2,588	2,389	33.7	32.7	32.6	33.5	32.1
All Cows	439	377	395	1,289	1,214	15.6	16.4	14.8	16.7	16.3
Dairy Cows	216	185	199	641	601	7.7	8.1	7.5	8.3	8.1
Other Cows	223	192	196	648	613	7.9	8.3	7.3	8.4	8.2
Bulls & Stags	45	40	41	120	123	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.7
Total ¹	2,818	2,297	2,674	7,726	7,448	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Hogs										
Barrows & Gilts	8,615	7,769	8,555	24,565	24,448	96.3	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.7
Sows	302	240	278	818	773	3.4	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.1
Stags & Boars	25	21	24	66	66	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Total ¹	8,942	8,030	8,857	25,450	25,287	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep										
Mature Sheep	12	9	11	32	30	4.0	4.5	4.0	4.5	4.5
Lambs & Yrlngs	283	195	257	669	637	96.0	95.5	96.0	95.5	95.5
Total ¹	295	204	268	701	667	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

¹Total and percentages based on unrounded data. ²Species totals and classification reported by meat inspectors, Inspection Operations, FSIS.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter April 22, 2005

**Number of Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered
by Species, by Size Group, United States**

Size Group	Cattle				Size Group	Hogs			
	Plants		Head			Plants		Head	
	2003 ¹	2004 ²	2003 ¹	2004 ²		2003 ¹	2004 ²	2003 ¹	2004 ²
	<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>			<i>Number</i>		<i>1,000</i>	
1 - 999	508	511	163.7	160.0	1 - 999	411	418	138.7	137.9
1,000 - 9,999	89	95	299.0	313.9	1,000 - 9,999	127	124	332.8	355.5
10,000 - 49,999	26	20	624.4	576.5	10,000 - 99,999	72	70	2,773.0	2,800.1
50,000 - 99,999	11	8	790.1	628.8	100,000 - 249,999	12	12	1,931.5	2,017.2
100,000 - 199,999	12	14	1,792.7	2,078.8	250,000 - 499,999	7	7	2,154.0	2,544.8
200,000 - 299,999	8	9	2,016.6	2,179.9	500,000 - 999,999	5	5	3,574.0	3,587.3
300,000 - 499,999	11	13	4,409.6	5,163.8	1,000,000 - 1,999,999	5	6	8,678.8	10,772.2
500,000 - 999,999	9	6	5,344.2	4,354.0	2,000,000 - 2,999,999	10	9	22,719.9	20,701.6
1,000,000 +	13	13	16,492.2	16,562.2	3,000,000 - 3,999,999	4	4	14,308.0	14,219.0
Total ³	689	689	35,271.3	32,017.8	4,000,000 +	9	9	44,481.3	44,570.7
					Total ³	662	664	101,092.1	101,706.3

¹Includes data from week ending January 4 2003 thru January 3, 2004. ²Includes data from week January 10, 2004 thru January 1, 2005. ³Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2004 Summary, March 2005

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number
by Species, Selected States and United States, 2004¹**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	24	1,307.7	11	95.2	17	2,426.5		
Colorado	22	2,396.9			18	8.5		
Illinois			9	82.3	25	8,994.7	15	181.4
Indiana			1	5.6	8	7,061.7	4	20.1
Iowa					22	29,653.8	5	392.9
Kansas	18	7,115.3						
Kentucky	19	7.6			21	2,464.1	13	11.2
Minnesota	23	668.9			25	9,003.1	15	1.8
Missouri							33	5.5
Nebraska	35	6,855.5			25	6,895.1		
North Carolina	15	214.1	7	1.3	25	10,651.2	12	4.5
Ohio	11	42.4	3	71.2	13	1,116.9	6	0.2
Oklahoma	7	1.6			8	4,871.8		
Pennsylvania	92	857.1	36	169.8	85	2,825.3	71	70.0
South Dakota					6	4,638.6	5	9.5
Texas	34	6,123.4	9	11.0	23	318.7	20	260.1
Virginia	11	2.1			12	3,896.0		
Wisconsin	12	1,409.9	4	119.2	8	493.2	3	1.8
U.S. ²	689	32,017.8	234	819.3	664	101,706.1	500	2,666.6

¹Includes data from week ending January 10, 2004 thru January 1, 2005. ²Includes data for states with no data printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

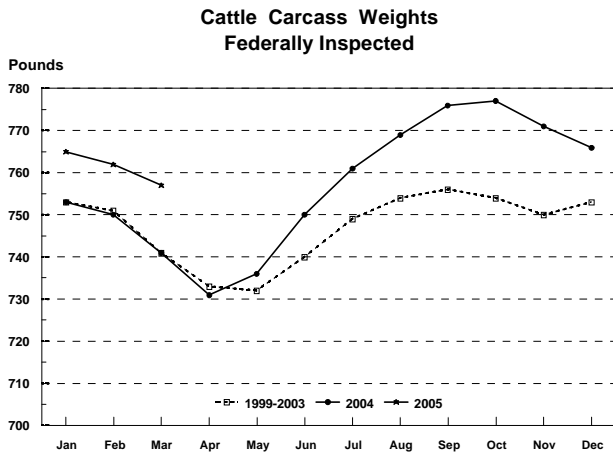
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Commercial Cattle Slaughter, Top Five States, Selected Years¹

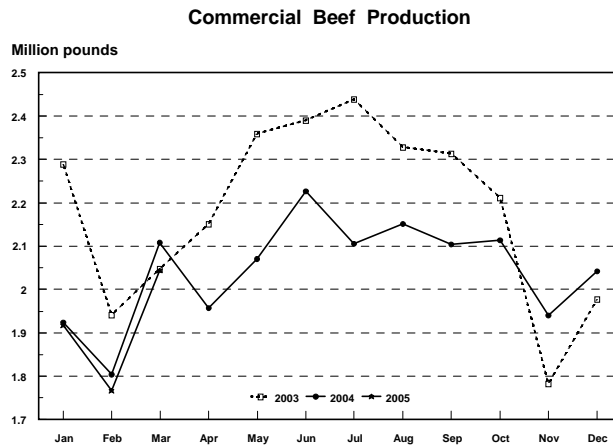
Rank	1990		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004	
	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head
1	Kansas	6,259	Kansas	8,213	Nebraska	7,694	Nebraska	7,862	Nebraska	7,661	Kansas	7,182
2	Nebraska	5,882	Nebraska	7,617	Kansas	7,272	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	Nebraska	6,903
3	Texas	5,681	Texas	6,606	Texas	6,463	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179
4	Colorado	2,079	Colorado	2,636	Colorado	2,605	Colorado	2,596	Colorado	2,480	Colorado	2,415
5	Iowa	1,830	Wisconsin	1,735	Wisconsin	1,659	Wisconsin	1,665	Wisconsin	1,669	Wisconsin	1,458

¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

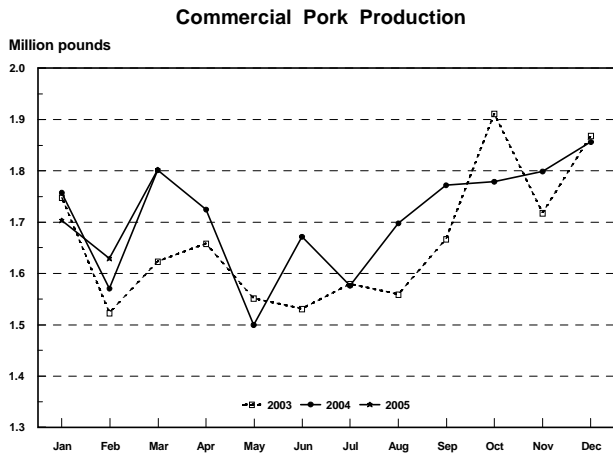
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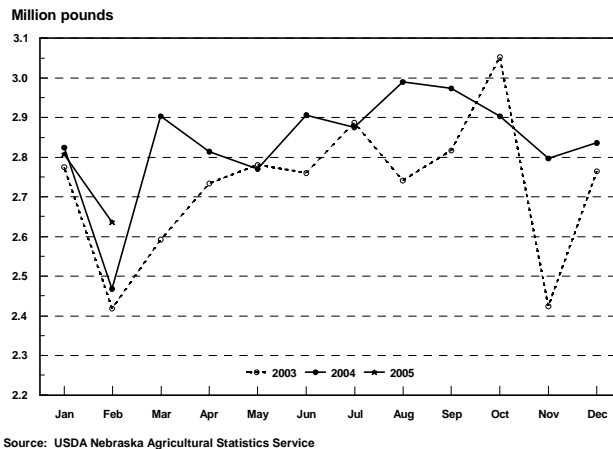
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